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Elba man charged following Coffee County Jail gun incident

by Linda Hodge, Editor

The Coffee County Sheriff's Department faced an unexpected challenge Tuesday, Jan. 29, after a gun was found in cellblock two of the Coffee County Jail, however, an arrest has been made in connection with the incident.

According to Coffee County Sheriff Ben Moates, a warrant

was obtained for the arrest of Kenneth Junior Flowers, 912 Roosevelt Dr., Elba, for promoting prison contraband first degree. At the time of last week's incident, Moates said Flowers was already an inmate at the jail on unrelated charges. District Judge Steve Blair has since set Flowers' bond at \$10,000 (cash only) in regards to the charges.

Moates said the arrest of Flowers resulted from an investigation concerning a 9-mm pistol that was found in cellblock two of the jail following a fight that occurred Tuesday afternoon in that cell.

"We are still trying to figure out how a gun was smuggled into the jail," Moates said. "At this point, we still have a lot of unanswered questions."

He said the gun was discovered in a laundry bag by trustee inmates who realized the bag seemed too heavy to contain only dirty laundry. After discovering the gun, Moates said the inmates turned it over to correction officers.

At that point, he said the jail was placed under an immediate lockdown and a thorough search of the jail was conducted by officers. The jail remained under the lockdown status for quite some time as officers implemented a complete search of the facility again the next day.

According to the sheriff, an investigation began immediately to discover who the gun belonged to and how it got into the jail without being discovered. He said the investigation led to the arrest of Flowers.

"We don't feel as though he (Flowers) had the gun for any

malicious intent," Moates said. "It appears he entered the facility without the gun being detected, and he was afraid to tell anyone about it."

He said the investigation indicates that the suspect tried to get rid of the gun by putting it in the laundry bag during the time of the fight. However, the sheriff said Flowers denies having any connection to the gun. Also, he said Flowers was not involved in the fight that occurred in cellblock two.

"We encourage our correction officers to search the inmates every time they are moved from the cell blocks," Moates said.

Booking records indicate that the officer who was responsible for originally booking Flowers to the jail is no longer an employee of the Coffee County Jail, and Moates said the investigation still suggests the suspect acted alone with no help from other inmates or correction officers in regards to smuggling the weapon into the facility.

"We too are still full of questions, but you often times learn from your mistakes, and we intend to learn from this mistake and work to prevent something like this from ever happening again," he said.

At this time, investigation continues in regards to how the gun was smuggled into the jail facility without being detected.



Ben Moates

Chamber director "arrested" by student



UNDER ARREST. When Kaye Whitworth, executive director of the Elba Chamber of Commerce, joined forces with the Elba High School Vocational Tech and the Tech Prep Program at MacArthur State Technical College for the fifth consecutive year of the Groundhog Day Shadowing Program, she never imagined it would result in handcuffs being placed around her wrists, but as the evidence shows, that is exactly what happened. Not only did Whitworth help locate businesses in the Elba area for students to shadow during the day (Friday, Feb. 1), but she also acted the part of the assailant during an arrest as Elba High School Senior Aaron Baxley shadowed Elba Police Officer Dean Blair. Of course, it was all fun and games as Baxley placed the handcuffs on his "criminal," but the day itself was deemed an overall success as many Elba High students took advantage of the opportunity to see firsthand what it is like in the workforce. Also, the program is considered as a good example of industry and education working together to provide young people with an opportunity to learn more about careers. Businesses in Elba that hosted the student shadows included: Cook Chevrolet; The Peoples Bank; Kelley Foods of Alabama; Elba Police Department; Elba High School; Elba Elementary School; Stokes and Morrow, Attorney at Law; Elba General Hospital; Elba Nursing Home; Marty Marler, Attorney at Law; The Elba Clipper; Hammond's Body Shop; Goodson's Garage; Dorsey Trailers; Granham's Body Shop; Merrill, Shirley, Attorney; Alabama Veterinary Diagnostic Lab; Elba Country Club; Pea River Timber; Elba MarketPlace; McKinney Farms and The National Security Group Insurance Company.

City of Elba begins strict enforcement of non-operating vehicle ordinance

On Friday, Feb. 1, the City of Elba began executing strict enforcement of a city ordinance regarding non-operating vehicles, and citizens who do not comply with the ordinance could soon find themselves facing penalties.

The ordinance (Ordinance Chapter 74, Articles III, Section 74-82 of the Code of Ordinances) reads as follows:

(a) No person in charge or control of any property, whether as owner, tenant, occupant, lessee or otherwise, shall allow any partially dismantled, non-operating, wrecked, junked or discarded vehicles to remain on such property longer than 30 days, and no person shall leave any such vehicle on any property for a longer time than 30 days.

(b) This section shall not apply to a vehicle:

(c) In an enclosed building or in an enclosed area not within view of a public right-of-way.

In an attempt to help residents

to comply with the ordinance, the City will offer free removal of the vehicles that are in violation of the ordinance if proper procedures are followed.

To qualify for the free removal, citizens must contact the Elba Police Department by 5 p.m. on Thursday, Feb. 28, to execute the proper permission forms.

This person(s) must contact the police department in person and provide the location of the vehicle, the owner's name (if known) and give written permission to remove and destroy or dismantle the subject vehicle.

According to officials, the City will only provide the removal service to the City Impound Yard, and it reserves the right to refuse the free removal service.

Again, anyone in violation of this ordinance as of Feb. 1st is subject to civil and/or criminal penalties if the matter is not properly taken care of within the allowed time period.

New Brockton Town Council tables annexation

by Linda Hodge, Editor

Although it has been a heated issue in the past, the New Brockton Town Council approved a motion Monday evening, Feb. 4, during its regular monthly meeting concerning the idea of annexation.

During the December meeting of the council, several local citizens voiced their opinions concerning a possible annexation for New Brockton. At that time, the Town of New Brockton, upon the approval of the council, had been advertising a resolution for annexation; however, the council voted to rescind the resolution at that meeting and return to the drawing board in regards to the annexation proposal.

A decision was reached Monday evening (at least temporarily) when the council approved a motion made by councilman Ron McMonagle to table the issue until a later date.

In his motion, he suggested that the postponement be until the first quarter of next year which will be Oct. 1, 2002 - Jan. 1, 2003. The motion received a second from councilman Jody Stuckey and was approved with a unanimous vote.

During his report to the council, Police Chief Jerry Gilbert presented a proposal to the members in regards to replacing the department's pagers with two additional digital units.

In July 2001, the council approved the purchase of two

digital units from Southern Link. These digital systems were to replace cellular telephones in the police cars while saving the town money.

Monday evening, Gilbert told council members that the purchase of two additional units would allow the department to get rid of pagers, and this too would save the town money. He said the additional units would save the town approximately \$60 per month.

The chief said the pagers the department is currently using were purchased in 1996 and are not always reliable; however, he said the digital units will work better than pagers in regards to service.

Also, Gilbert said the service provider will drop the price from \$42 per month on the two units already being used by the department to \$30 per month for all the digital units with the purchase of the two additional units.

He reminded council members of an additional advantage with the digital units in that 60 minutes of free cellular phone usage is available with the units. However, Gilbert said he stresses to the officers that charges created by using minutes beyond the 60 free minutes will come out of their pockets. Also, he said officers have to pay for any personal calls made on the digital units.

Councilman Ricky Strickland made a motion to do away with the pagers and make the transition to the digital system by acquiring the two additional units. He received a second from Stuckey, and the motion passed with a unanimous vote.

Another matter discussed by the council concerning the police department was the purchase of a new police car.

Gilbert notified the council of some cars available for purchase. He said these are cars ordered by another department that were rejected because they were the wrong color. He said

the cars are a dark gray, and he would rather have this since so many local departments have white cars.

According to the chief, the bid price for a new car is \$19,924 without options and \$23,010 with options.

Mayor Charles Cole expressed his concern of how the town will be able to afford to pay for a new car.

In response, McMonagle directed the council's attention to the budget and pointed out that the town has already used approximately 43 percent of the police departments budgeted repair money for FY2002.

"It makes sense to use the repair money towards a new car," McMonagle said.

He also suggested rolling the cost of the car into the town's long term debt, in which he said had been previously discussed as a possibility.

"With interest rates the way they are now, now is the time to get locked in with a long term debt if we are going to do it," he said.

With that said, the mayor suggested the chief give his figures to the town clerk to allow her to check with local banks in regards to financing.

Strickland also added a stipulation in that any new car purchased will have a strict service policy with the chief being held responsible.

An update will be provided during the next meeting.

In other business, the council: * Adopted a corrected version of the budget. The only item changed was the equipment line item for the street department. This figure was changed from \$4,000 to \$10,000 to include a truck and backhoe.

* Approved a motion to cancel any further action on the Jr. Food Store building and redirect the funds to pay for roofing and repairs to the town hall building.

* Reappointed councilman Jody Stuckey to the water board for a six year term.

* Approved a motion to pay the liability insurance for the recreation department with the understanding that the recreation department will repay the money pending a meeting from the recreation board.

* Received a reminder that the town offices will be closed Monday, Feb. 18, in observance of President's Day. Also, the monthly working group meeting was rescheduled to Monday, Feb. 25.

The next meeting of the New Brockton Town Council will be Monday, March 4, at 7 p.m. in the council chambers at the New Brockton Town Hall.

NOTICE

The City of Elba Water & Electric Board will be holding a public meeting for Source Water Protection Assessment. The meeting will be held in conjunction with the scheduled Water & Electric Board meeting February 11, 2002 immediately following the Elba City Council meeting. All interested citizens are encouraged to attend.

CHURCH & AREA NEWS

The Inspirations to be Elba Church of God to have Barbecue

The Inspirations from Bryson City, N.C. will be in concert at Opp High School Auditorium along with The Davis Brothers

Free help with tax returns

Free help with tax returns by IRS trained and certified volunteers is available each Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday. This service is available to all taxpayers with middle and low income, with special attention to those 60 and older.

Returns are electronically filed (e-file) to ensure more accurate tax returns and faster processing of refunds.

Free tax counseling on the

internet allows taxpayers to pose tax questions to online counselors 24 hours a day, seven days a week, by visiting the AARP web site at [HYPERLINK "http://www.aarp.org/taxaide"](http://www.aarp.org/taxaide)

Call the Elba Senior Center, 897-3019, to make an appointment to have your income tax prepared free by AARP Tax-Aide volunteers.

Gospel Singing planned at House of Prayer Worship Center

A Gospel Singing will be held at House of Prayer Worship Center, located on the Sq in Elba, on February 9, beginning at 6:30 p.m. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Family and Friends Day scheduled at Greater Springfield Missionary Baptist Church

Greater Springfield Missionary Baptist Church in New Brockton will hold Family and Friends Day 2002 on February 10, 2002 at 11:00 a.m.

Rev. Harvey C. Williams to be honored

Greater Springfield Baptist Church in New Brockton will hold its third anniversary Appreciation Program

Gospel Extravaganza honoring Rev. Harvey C. Williams on Saturday, February 9, 2002 at 6:30 p.m. and Sunday, February

10, 2002 at 2:30 p.m. at Greater Springfield Missionary Baptist Church. The event will be held at the Daleville Christian Fellowship Center in Daleville.

All churches are invited to attend. Sunday, February 10, 2002 at 2:30 p.m. at Greater Springfield Missionary Baptist Church. The event will be held at the Daleville Christian Fellowship Center in Daleville.

March 31 is deadline for farmers to file state gasoline tax refund claims

March 31 is the deadline for Alabama farmers to file their state gasoline tax refund claims with the Alabama Department of Revenue, according to State Commissioner of Revenue Cynthia Underwood.

"The refund claims are based on portions of the state excise tax paid by farmers on gasoline used during 2001 for agricultural purposes. The portion of the gasoline tax that can be refunded applies only to the amount of gasoline that is used in tractors or any auxiliary engines which may be attached to tractors. Gasoline used in farm trucks is not subject to a refund. We encourage those farmers who qualify for such a refund to submit their refund claim as soon as possible. The refund claim must be postmarked no later than March 31, 2002," Underwood explained.

Taxes on gasoline purchased from Jan. 1, 2001 through Dec. 31, 2001, will be refunded at the rate of 15 cents per gallon. The refund applies to the tax levied upon gasoline only; it does not

apply to any tax levied upon diesel fuel.

Any individual qualifying for a refund who has not received a 2001 claim form may obtain one by writing to the following address: Alabama Department of Revenue, Sales, Use and Business Tax Division, Motor Fuels Section, Post Office Box 327540, Montgomery, AL 36132-7540, or telephone (334) 242-9608.

Locally, forms are available at all counties extension agent offices and all Alabama Department of Revenue Taxpayer Service Centers.

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LIFESTYLES



Seated: Mrs. Pearl Moseley, Standing L to R: Mrs. Jane Moseley, Mrs. Gloria Moseley, Miss Conni Marshall-honoree, and Mrs. Linda Marshall

Miss Conni Marshall honored with miscellaneous bridal shower recently

Moseley's Studio on East Davis Street was the setting for a miscellaneous shower honoring Miss Conni Marshall, bride-elect of Mr. Mark Moseley, on Sunday afternoon, January 20, 2002. A number of friends and relatives registered between the hours of half past one and three o'clock.

The entry door of the studio was marked by a white grapevine wreath entwined with ivy and tied with white ribbon and tissue wedding bells. Mrs. Sylvia Padgett welcomed the guests and directed them to the bridal registry which held an arrangement of candles and daisies. The registry was attended by Mrs. Jason Holley, a former college roommate of the bride-elect.

After registering, guests were received by Miss Marshall, the honoree, and Mrs. Gloria Moseley, mother of the groom-to-be. Other special family members receiving guests were Mrs. Pearl Moseley, Mark's paternal grandmother; Mrs. Nellie Martin, a special aunt of Mr. Moseley; and Mrs. Linda Marshall of Montgomery, sister-in-law of the honoree.

Mrs. Pat Clark received gifts and directed the guests to the refreshment counter. Dainty party refreshments and punch were served by Mrs. Josh Manning and Mrs. Michael Moseley. The counter was covered with elegant butterfly cloths and featured crystal appointments. After the guests enjoyed refreshments, they viewed the wide assortment of gifts which were so beautifully

displayed in the spacious lobby of the studio.

Hostesses for the elegant occasion were Henrietta Grimes, Sylvia Padgett, Pat Clark, Shirley White, Julia Brooks, Shirley Goodson, Stephanie McIntosh, Janie Allen, Kay Whitworth, Sylvia Brown, Peggy Baxley, Nicki Jinnight, Ellen Lowery, Martha Oags, Christy Wilkerson, Cora Spicer, Kathy Smith, Valerie Moore, Myrna Cotton, Lynn Lewis, Hedy Cox, Anissa Fundum, Linda Westbrook, Freddie Pearce, Myrna Cowen, Jennell Tindal, Kim Manning, Gladys Owens, Susan Tindal, Glenda Daniels, Jenny Allen, Harriet Boyd, Peggy Stroud, Carolyn Kelley, and Carolyn Jinnight.

The reception area was beautifully decorated by Jeff Strout of the Elba Florist and Gift Shop. The registry table held an arrangement of yellow roses and daisies which were placed in a dainty embossed vase of gold.

The table that held the three-tiered cake was draped with an Army-Navy cloth. The cake was decorated with yellow roses and placed on a beautiful crystal plate which was surrounded by greenery, yellow roses and yellow daisies. The top of the cake was topped with wedding bells and the symbolic "50 year" number.

The punch table was also covered with an Army-Navy cloth. The punch bowl of heavy crystal was also surrounded by greenery, yellow roses and yellow daisies. The delicious punch was provided by Mrs. Paul Stroud and Mrs. Lenard Hargrove. The table also held containers of wedding cookies, made by Ms. Mable Bullard, cheese straws, nuts and mints, and cheese balls, made by Mrs. Bailey Black and Ms. Maerene Wise. The coffee table was covered by a hand embroidered cloth made by Mrs. Adkinson.

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Mr. & Mrs. Waylon Adkinson honored with 50th Wedding Anniversary Reception Sunday, January 6

One Sunday afternoon, January 6, 2002, Moseley's Studio and Gallery was the setting for a beautiful reception honoring Mr. and Mrs. Waylon Vaughan Adkinson on the occasion of their 50th Wedding Anniversary. Waylon and Betty were married in Elba on December 24, 1951. They are the parents of three children; Steven, Richard and Donna Adkinson Bullard and have seven grandchildren and four great grandchildren.

The reception was hosted by Donna Adkinson Bullard, her husband, Tim, and Steven Adkinson as well as some of the Adkinson family's close friends.

Miss Betty Adkinson, granddaughter, registered the guests. Mrs. Stephanie Nelson, granddaughter, served the beautiful three-tiered cake. Serving in other capacities were: granddaughter-in-law, Julie Bowers Adkinson, cousin, Ms. Pansy Smith, special friends, Mrs. Judy Melo, Enterprise, Mrs. Lenard Hargrove, Mrs. Wayne Marler and Ms. Jo Daniels all of Elba, Ms. Maerene Wise and Ms. Carolyn Rayborn both of Montgomery, Ala.

Among the very special guests were three of Mrs. Adkinson's nieces, Mrs. Judith Lashley Cleary, Mrs. Peggy Lashley Lappin and her daughter, Francesca of West Palm Beach, Fla. and Ms. Margaret Marsocci, Fort Pierce, Fla. Also Ms. Adkinson's nephew, D'Wayne Bell, wife, Susan, and little son, Ryan all of Destin, Fla.

The reception area was beautifully decorated by Jeff Strout of the Elba Florist and Gift Shop. The registry table held an arrangement of yellow roses and daisies which were placed in a dainty embossed vase of gold.

The table that held the three-tiered cake was draped with an Army-Navy cloth. The cake was decorated with yellow roses and placed on a beautiful crystal plate which was surrounded by greenery, yellow roses and yellow daisies. The top of the cake was topped with wedding bells and the symbolic "50 year" number.

The punch table was also covered with an Army-Navy cloth. The punch bowl of heavy crystal was also surrounded by greenery, yellow roses and yellow daisies. The delicious punch was provided by Mrs. Paul Stroud and Mrs. Lenard Hargrove. The table also held containers of wedding cookies, made by Ms. Mable Bullard, cheese straws, nuts and mints, and cheese balls, made by Mrs. Bailey Black and Ms. Maerene Wise. The coffee table was covered by a hand embroidered cloth made by Mrs. Adkinson.

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SCHOOLS

2002 Elbala pageant winners crowned

by Kimberly Farris

On Saturday, January 26, 2002, the Elba High School journalism staff held their annual Elbala pageant. This year's winners are as follows.



From left: Brinley Williams, 2nd Runner-up; Correnda McGhee, 1st Runner-up; Brooke Weeks, Miss Elbala.



From left: Ty Gray, 2nd Runner-up; Kiera Robertson, 1st Runner-up; Morgan Anderson, Little Miss Elbala.



From left: Jennifer Waters, Miss Congeniality; Arian Bowers, 2nd Runner-up; Kendall Stinson, Jr. Miss Elbala; Mallory Allen and Anna Harrison, 1st Runner-ups.



From left: Blake Brunson, 4th Runner-up; Melissa Kelley, Miss Congeniality; Heather Hays, 2nd Runner-up; and Maly Katherine Head, Miss Elbala 2002.

EES Faculty Spotlight

by Jonathan Head

This week's faculty spotlight conveys another exceptional educator, Mrs. Nita Stinson.

Mrs. Stinson became interested in her particular field of practice during her junior and senior years of high school while working with Mrs. Sonya Helms. Throughout the duration of her Auburn college experience, those early high school inquiries perpetuated into a degree in language speech pathology.

Over the years, Mrs. Stinson has acquired a family, a pair of teaching positions at Houston County Schools and Headland Schools, and the foremost position of speech instructor at Elba Elementary.

Here's to Mrs. Stinson, Elba Elementary Spotlight of the week.



Nita Stinson

Co-Op Spotlight

by Hunter Branch

This week's Co-Op Spotlight features Casey Skinner.

Casey is the 18-year-old daughter of Tommy Skinner and Sandra Skinner. She is a senior at Elba High School and is employed at the Elba Market Place, where she assists customers and works the register.

Casey's extracurricular activities include being a member of the varsity cheerleading squad, varsity softball team, Sr. Beta, Mu Alpha Theta, Spanish Club, VICA and Girl Scout Troop #300.

After high school Casey plans to attend the University of South Alabama and major in nursing.



Casey Skinner

Congratulations to Casey Skinner for being in this week's Co-Op Spotlight.

EES students learn hands-on about hedgehogs

by Katie Grimes

Mrs. Janice Phillip's 1st-3rd grade class, while studying hedgehogs, recently experienced the benefits of hands-on learning when an actual hedgehog paid a visit to their classroom. Mrs. Crosby, a 3rd grade teacher at Elba Elementary, brought her pet hedgehog to school to allow the students to get a closer look at the interesting, unique creature.

These students were given the charge of learning one fact each about the hedgehog. The students learned that the hedgehog has four legs; is nocturnal; eats small snakes, flies, and bugs; rolls into a ball to protect itself; lives in the underbrush; can smell worms underground; has more than 7,000 spines on its back; and is 10 inches long.

Because of the hedgehog's spiny exterior, Mrs. Phillip's wrapped a cloth around it to be



Mrs. Janice Phillip's 1st-3rd grade class

able to hold it. The students were very enthusiastic about studying such an interesting subject from a close-up perspective.

Enterprise State Junior College to hold Microsoft Word workshop

Enterprise State Junior College's special interest workshop, Microsoft Word, will teach you to turn your computer into a word processor. You'll learn how to create a basic document and insert

clip art using the basic elements of the Microsoft Word software. Prior experience using a computer would be helpful. You must bring a 3 1/2" disc. There is a \$35.00 fee for the workshop, and the registration deadline is February 12. The workshop is scheduled for Tuesday and Thursday, February 19-21, 6:00-8:00 p.m. For more information, call 334-393-ESJC, ext. 234.

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Tiger Tales

Editor:
Katie Grimes

EHS students attend Shakespeare Festival

by Katie Grimes

On Tuesday, Jan. 29, the 12th grade advanced English classes attended the Alabama Shakespeare Festival in Montgomery to see Shakespeare's "The Tempest."

"The Tempest" is the story of Prospero, a magician stranded on an island with his daughter. One afternoon, Prospero conjures up a storm and releases

love, attempted murder, pagantry, and reunions. This single day redeems his past, gives his daughter a future, and frees him from the lure of magic. The Alabama Shakespeare Festival describes this, Shakespeare's last play, as "pure theatrical entertainment."

The students and teachers of EHS certainly appreciated this humorous, educational entertainment.

Elba Elementary School Menu Feb. 11 - 15, 2002

BREAKFAST

Monday - Cheese Sandwich, 1/2 Orange, Cereal, Juice, Milk
Tuesday - Pancakes & Syrup, Cereal, Juice, Milk
Wednesday - Biscuit & Jelly, Sausage, Cereal, Juice, Milk
Thursday - Eggs, Toast & Jelly, Cereal, Juice, Milk
Friday - Teacher-in-Service - Holiday for Students

LUNCH

Monday - Chicken Wiggle, Corn, Peas & Carrots, Sliced Peaches, Roll, Milk
Tuesday - Ham & Cheese Sandwich, French Fries, Green Beans, 1/2 Apple, Milk
Wednesday - Country Fried Steak, Mashed Potatoes w/ Gravy, Blackeyed Peas, Roll, Mixed Fruit, Milk
Thursday - Hot Dog, Potato Rounds, California Style Vegetables, Cake, Milk
Friday - Teacher-in-Service

EHS Faculty Spotlight

by Francie English

The teacher featured in this week's faculty spotlight is Julie Norris.

Mrs. Norris teaches 11th grade chemistry, 12th grade AP English, 10th grade English, and journalism.

Mrs. Norris attended Elba High School and furthered her education at Troy State University and the University of South Alabama. She majored in biology and English education as well as comprehensive science education, and she received a Master's degree in science in education. Before coming to EHS, Mrs. Norris taught at Escambia County High School and New Brockton High School. She has now been teaching at Elba High for six years.

Mrs. Norris's family consists of three children - Aaron, Brooklyn, and Christen (who are all 22 months old) - and husband Patrick.

Mrs. Norris enjoys many



Julie Norris

hobbies, including reading, smoking, gardening, baking and fishing.

She credits Frances Prior with inspiring her to become a teacher, explaining that Prior "always made it easy to learn. I wanted to be just like her and teach biology and anatomy."

If Mrs. Norris could no longer teach, she would prefer to be either a professional photographer or a surgeon.

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SCHOOLS

Zion Chapel welcomes TSU intern

by Brandon Arnold

Zion Chapel welcomes Troy State University intern Alisa Holley.

Miss Holley, a 1998 graduate of Florida High School, is a 21-year-old senior at TSU and is currently pursuing a degree in secondary comprehensive language arts education.

While pursuing her Associate of Arts degree in secondary education at Lurleen B. Wallace State Junior College, she was inducted into the Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society. Miss Holley was selected as an LBW

College Ambassador.

As a member of the TSU academic honor society Phi Kappa Phi, she was named among the top percentage of junior and senior students. She is an active member of the TSU Council of Teachers of English, an affiliate of the National Council of Teachers of English, and also elected into the office of Secretary for the TSUCOE.

Miss Holley is interning under the supervision of Mrs. Lisa Duebelt. She will graduate from Troy State University in the Spring of 2002.



Zion Chapel High School REBEL NEWS
Rachel Bryan, Sponsor

Zion Chapel sponsors Success Club

by De Carter

The Success Club, a new club sponsored by Mrs. Gale Jackson and Mrs. Wanda Corley, is actively raising much-needed funds.

The Success Club stands for Students United in Career Choice and Employment Skills for Success. This club is open to students in grades nine through twelve, who are pursuing an Alabama Occupational Diploma (AOD). The funds raised by the

Success Club will help pay the expenses of activities in which Occupational Diploma students participate.

Members of the Success Club are now selling ESC Discount Cards for Burger King. With the discount card, a FREE Whopper sandwich comes with the purchase of a Value Meal. The cost of the ESC discount card is \$10. The card can be used 25 times. Our School planners are still on sale and have now been reduced to \$2.50.

ZC basketball season coming to an end

by Brandon Arnold and Sam Wambles

With two weeks, and a possible third, left in the Varsity boys basketball season, the Rebels hold a win loss record of 3 wins and 15 losses.

This team, winner of second place in the area with less than a year record, has seen some outstanding play.

Jon Sanders, Brandon Arnold, and Jonah Edmondson are the top three scorers for the team. Jon, a senior, is the leading scorer with 213 points on the season and an average of 12 points per game. Brandon, a junior, is second in scoring with 178 points for the season and an average of 10 points per game. Jonah, a junior, is third for the Rebels with 111 points and an average of 6 points per game.

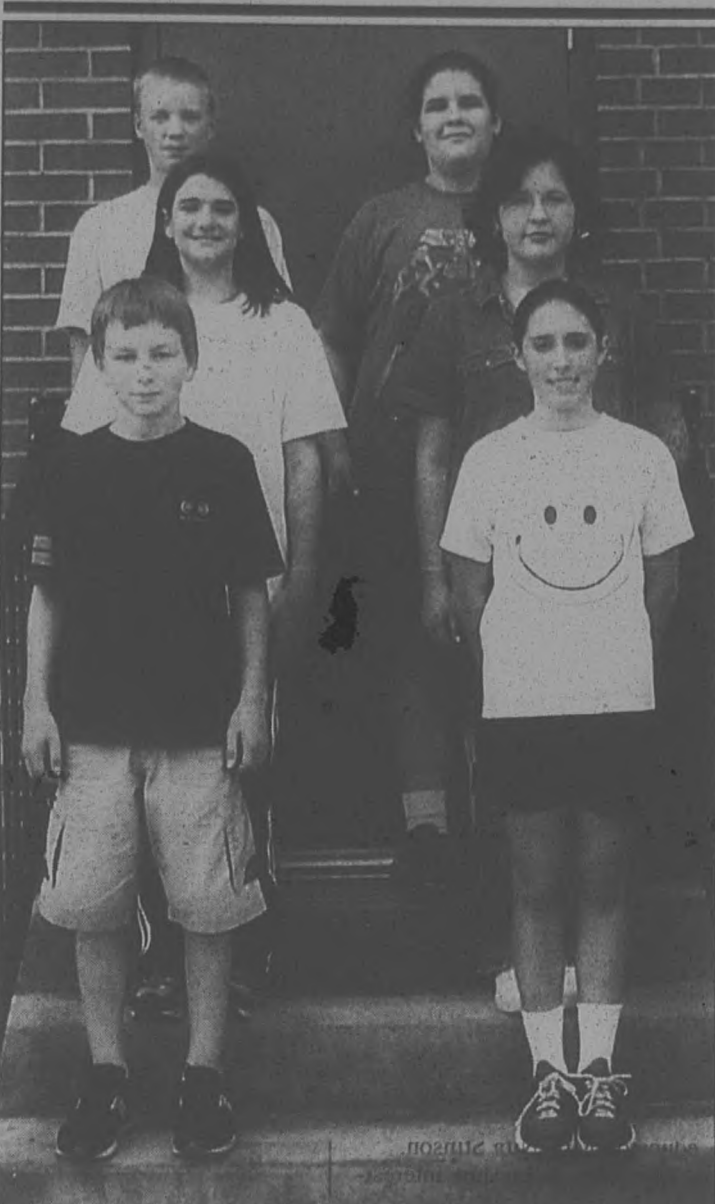
In comparison, the Lady Rebels hold a record of 1 win and 16 losses. The Lady Rebels were plagued by injuries, but they have played through the injuries and have given the fans something to cheer about every time they hit the floor.

Leading the way for the Lady Rebels are Inessa Wambles, Jessica Flowers and Bertha Scott. Inessa, a freshman, is the leading scorer with 166 points and an average of 14 points per game. Jessica, a senior, is second in scoring with 161 points and an average of 9 points per game. Bertha, a junior, is third with 100 points and an average of 6 points per game.

Another team the fans come out to see is the Rebel B-team.

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Pictured from left to right: (front) Todd Grant and Erica Lewis; (middle) Stacy Williams and Jenna Mobley; (back) Adam Carter and Jennifer Taylor.

Middle School SGA selects Harvest Queen

by Jonah Edmondson

The members of the Middle School Student Government Association (SGA) have chosen a Harvest Queen collected box tops for education, and replaced picnic tables in the break area this year. This is just one of the many activities sponsored by the SGA.

The SGA raised nearly \$1,000 during the Harvest Festival. Items were raffled off, such as a lava lamp and scooter, and the Middle School sponsored activities such as a dunking booth. Jesse Carroll was selected Harvest Queen and Jessica King was named first runner-up.

"Box Tops for Education" is a unique fund raiser that requires no selling or costs. The Box Top Logos are clipped from participating General Mills products, and the school earns 10 cents for each one received. All proceeds will be used to help purchase books and tests for the Accelerated Reader Program.

The club officers are President Todd Grant, Vice President Stacy Williams, Reporter Jennifer Taylor, Secretary Erica Lewis, Treasurer Adam Carter and Inspirational Leader Jenna Mobley (these students are captured in the above picture).

FCCLA holds monthly meetings at ZC

by Perry Cauthen

The first meeting of the Zion Chapel Family Career and Community Leaders of America (FCCLA) was held Wednesday, September 5, 2001, during second period in the Family and Consumer Sciences (FACS) department. This meeting was open to new and perspective members. President Kassey Rhodes called the meeting to order.

Their first order of business was Joint Leadership and Cluster meetings. Those who wanted to attend must have signed up by posted deadlines. Ms. Rita Johnston, from A+ Sales, talked to them about their fundraiser. She provided sample cookies from the products that they would be selling. Each member got to taste the samples. Ms. Hobbs reminded the Chapter members of the FCCLA membership deadline date. The September meeting was then adjourned until October.

The October meeting was held in the FACS department. The meeting was generally about the celebration of the Fall season and the update of fundraising with A+ Sales, and where they stood on the profits that they earned for the club. After the business session, the officers surprised the members with a small party. The officers

served refreshments and the tables were festively decorated with luminaries and candles. The customary reciting of the creed then marked the end of the meeting.

The topic for the December meeting was cake decorating. Kristy Sauls Pollman from Melinda's Bakery in Enterprise visited and demonstrated the correct way to ice a cake. All of the members then got to decorate their own cupcake and tried the icing technique themselves. This meeting was enjoyed by all of the members attending. The meeting was then adjourned until the next one, which will be held in February.

Coffee County Schools Menu Feb. 11 - 15, 2002

BREAKFAST

Monday - Cinnamon Raisin Biscuits, Cereal, Juice, Milk
Tuesday - Egg, Ham & Cheese Omelet, Toast, Jelly, Cereal, Juice, Milk
Wednesday - Cheese Toast, Jelly, Cereal, Juice, Milk
Thursday - Chicken & Biscuit, Jelly, Cereal, Juice, Milk
Friday - Pop Tarts, Cereal, Juice, Milk

LUNCH

Monday - Vegetable Beef Soup, Chicken Salad, Whole White Potatoes, Onion Rings, 1/2 Peanut Butter/Jelly Sandwich, Fruit, Crackers, Milk
Tuesday - Chicken Nuggets, Roast Turkey w/ Gravy, Creamed Potatoes, Green Beans, Fruit, Rolls, Milk
Wednesday - Barbecue Chicken Sandwich, Corned, California Vegetables, Baked Fries, Fruit, Milk
Thursday - Steak Sandwich, Peppercorn Pizza, Corn on Cob, French Fries, Fruit, Sugar Cookies, Milk
Friday - Ham & Cheese Sandwich, Chicken Stir Fry, Peas & Carrots, Onion Rings, Fruit, Rice, Milk

Bruce gets experience as intern at ZCHS

by Perry Cauthen

Mr. Patrick James Bruce has recently begun his internship in the Music Education department of Zion Chapel High School under the Band Director, Michael Bird.

Born on March 24, 1971, at Sacred Heart Hospital in Pensacola, Fla., he is the oldest of two children. He grew up in Enterprise and attended school there until he graduated in 1989. After graduating high school, he received a full scholarship to Enterprise State Junior College.

After graduating from ESJC, he moved to Auburn, where he enrolled in the music program and studied with Dr. Raymond C. Smith. While attending Auburn University, he received further education by participating in the 70-year-old Auburn Knights Jazz Orchestra. He played bass for three years with the Knights, which was and still is a student-run ensemble. He then graduated from Auburn University in 1996 with a B.A. in music performance.

"I discovered during my time with the Knights that I am drawn to jazz music and the creative expression it allows. This, I believe, helped mold my idea of what music can give to students no matter what the musical genre or ability level of the student," he told Mr. Bird in his Internship Enrollment Application.

After teaching private guitar in Auburn for a year he decided to relocate to Troy, Ala.

Sr. Beta Club held annual Christmas party

by Perry Cauthen

The Senior Beta Club met in December to host the 2nd annual Christmas party for our underprivileged elementary children.

The Club sponsored 25 children. Each member selected a child and was also responsible for that child's gift. The members also bought refreshments and other goodies for the party, and all expenses were paid by



Patrick James Bruce

While at Troy State, he played in the "Sound of the South," under the direction of Robert W. Smith. He also played in the Troy State jazz ensembles, the big band and the jazz combo, under the direction of Raymond Smith.

He is now currently in his second year of teaching as an adjunct professor of guitar and bass at TSU, and also is part-time band director at Kinston High School. He also now interns at Zion Chapel and hopes to become a band director and a teacher of music.

"Briefly, my teaching philosophy is based in a creative approach to learning. Students need direction, and I believe music educators have a wonderful chance to model creative, disciplined and focused members of society. This teaching idea changes and expands with every new teaching experience I encounter."

the members themselves. They wanted to give their own time and money to such a worthy cause.

"I'm very proud of each Beta Member. Their desire to help others speaks highly of their character," said Mrs. Lisa Duebelt, the Beta Club sponsor. Many of the Club members commented that they enjoyed this time as much as the younger children did.

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COMMUNITY NEWS

Jim Williams joins Foreign Service

Washington, D.C. - Secretary Colin Powell recently swore in Jim Williams as a Junior Officer in the United States Foreign Service. Jim was sworn in with the 104th A-100 class of Junior Officers at the Department of State.

Jim Williams grew up in Elba, Alabama. He graduated from Elba High School in 1974 and was a member of the Beta Club and the Elba High School Marching Tigers. Jim received a B.A. in Psychology from the University of Alabama and a M.A. in Management from

Webster University.

Jim has accepted his first tour of duty in Jeddah, Saudi Arabia. In a written statement, Jim said, "I joined the Foreign Service to provide assistance to American citizens traveling and living abroad and to represent our nation and its people to the world."

Junior Officers serve their first-two year tour in one of 162 countries where the United States has representation around the world. The first tour strengthens and tests the abilities of each Junior Officer for future career promotions as a

tenured Foreign Service Officer. Foreign Service Officers provide assistance to American tourists and business interests overseas, support U.S. foreign policy goals and promote awareness of America and American culture in foreign countries.

For further information, please contact Rainy Young at 202.647.0875 or by e-mail at youngrm@state.gov.

City of Elba & Electric Board to hold public meeting

The City of Elba Water & Electric Board will be holding a public meeting for Source Water Protection Assessment. The

meeting will be held in conjunction with the scheduled Water & Electric Board meeting February 11, 2002 immediately

following the Elba City Council meeting. All interested citizens are encouraged to attend.

The Alabama Peanut Producers to host 44th Annual Meeting Friday, February 22

The Alabama Peanut Producers Association will host its 44th Annual Meeting on Friday, February 22, 2002 at the Ozark Civic Center in Ozark, Alabama. Registration will begin at 10:00 a.m.

Among those that have been invited to speak are: Senator Jeff

Sessions, Congressman Terry Everett and Interim Dean John Jensen - Auburn University College of Agriculture. Reports will also be given by representatives from the Peanut Advisory Board, National Peanut Board and the Southern Peanut Farmers Federation.

A catered lunch will be served to those in attendance. Following the annual meeting, there will be a Alabama Peanut PAC meeting and a APPA business meeting. For more information, contact the Alabama Peanut Producers Association office at 334-792-6482.

AARP now offering tax preparation help

Free help with tax returns by IRS trained and certified volunteers is available each Mon. and Thurs. during the tax season.

This service is available to all taxpayers with middle and low income, with special attention to those 60 and older.

Returns are electronically filed (e-file) to ensure more accurate tax returns and faster processing of refunds.

Free tax counseling on the internet allows taxpayers to pose tax questions to online counselors 24 hours a day, seven days a week, by visiting the AARP web site at HYPER-LINK "http://www.aarp.org/tax-aid" www.aarp.org/tax-aid.

Call the Elba Senior Center, 897-3019, to make an appointment to have your income tax prepared free by AARP Tax-Aide volunteers.



AARP NEW OFFICERS elected recently and are pictured above L to R: Syble Hahn, Martha Guengero, Jim Gilmer, Fred Moore, Q.P. Hudson, Sherry Church, and Mack Donaldson

Daniel Stephens speaks to AARP

Daniel Stephens presented a program on Habitat for Humanity at the January meeting of the Elba AARP Chapter. Forty-five members were in attendance for the covered-dish dinner meeting.

John Holley, Southeast

Pharmaceuticals, will be the speaker at the Feb. 19th meeting at 6 P.M. at the Elba Senior Center. He will discuss products and services available from his company to people in this area.

AARP is an organization for

people 50 and older. It serves their needs and interests through information and education, advocacy, and community services provided by local chapters and experienced volunteers, such as Tax-Aide Volunteers and the Driver Safety Program.

Coffee County Democratic Executive Committee to meet February 12

The Coffee County Democratic Executive Committee will hold their next meeting on Tuesday, February

12, 2002 at Barb-B-Que Etc., formerly J & T's BBQ in New Brockton at 6:00 p.m. (dutch treat). Guest speaker for the

evening will be Mrs. Amy Burks, Vice-Chair of the Alabama Democratic Party.

"Miss Jack Sweetheart Pageant" to be held Saturday, February 23

Jack in a Box Daycare and Learning Center, Jack, Alabama, will be sponsoring the 1st annual "Miss Jack Sweetheart" Pageant on February 23, 2002, beginning at 5:00 p.m. at Zion Chapel High School Auditorium. All proceeds from the pageant will benefit the American Cancer Society's "Relay for Life". The entry fee for the pageant is \$20.00 and the pageant is open to anyone in the surrounding area. Each category will have a winner and at least 2 alternates. Queens will receive a crown, banner and flowers. Alternates will receive a banner and flowers. All contestants will receive a flower.

Categories and dress code are as follows:

Baby Miss Jack Sweetheart -

ages 0-12 months-Sunday or heirloom dress

Tiny Miss Jack Sweetheart -

ages 1-2 years-Sunday or heirloom dress

Petite Miss Jack Sweetheart -

ages 3-4 years-Sunday or heirloom dress

Future Little Miss Jack Sweetheart -

ages 5-6 years-Sunday or heirloom dress

Little Miss Jack Sweetheart -

grades 1-3-Sunday or heirloom dress

Young Miss Jack Sweetheart -

grades 4-6-Sunday dress or 2 piece suit (top & skirt)

Junior Miss Jack Sweetheart -

7-9-Evening gown or pageant dress

Miss Jack Sweetheart - grades

10-12-Evening gown or pageant dress

A practice will be held on Thursday night, February 21, 2002, at 6:00 p.m. at the Zion Chapel High School Auditorium. The practice is not mandatory, but all entry forms must be turned in no later than Thursday, February 21, 2002.

No Exceptions! Entry forms may be picked up or turned in at the following locations: Zion Chapel Elementary School, Pam Flowers; Jack in a Box Daycare and Learning Center; or Head 2 Toe Salon - Britley Parker. All contestants should be

at the high school on the night of the pageant no later than 4:30 p.m. For more information, please contact Jack in a Box Daycare and Learning Center at 897-1535.

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NOTICE

The City of Elba is notifying the Citizens of The City of Elba of strict enforcement of the City Ordinance regarding non-operating vehicles. Strict enforcement will begin on February 1, 2002.

Ordinance Chapter 74, Articles III, Section 74-82 of the Code of Ordinances reads as follows:

- (a) No person in charge or control of any property, whether as owner, tenant, occupant, lessee or otherwise, shall allow any partially dismantled, non operating, wrecked, junked or discarded vehicles to remain on such property longer than 30 days and no person shall leave any such vehicle on any property for a longer time than 30 days.
- (b) This section shall not apply to a vehicle:
- (c) In an enclosed building or in an enclosed area not within view of a public right-of-way.

The City will offer free removal of the vehicles that are in violation of said Ordinance if the Elba Police Department is contacted and proper permission forms are executed by 5:00 p.m. February 28, 2002.

In order to provide the free removal you must contact The Elba Police Department, in person and provide the location of the vehicle, the owners name, if known and give written permission to remove and destroy or dismantle the subject vehicle.

The City will provide removal ONLY to the City Impound Yard. The City reserves the right to refuse said free removal service.

Beginning February 1, 2002 any person or persons that is believed to be in violation of said Ordinance will be subject to civil and/or criminal penalties.

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COMMUNITY NEWS

Elba students serve as shadows at local businesses during Groundhog Day Shadowing Program



Elba High students Jami Hall, Ashley Harrelson, Kristy Ward and Courtney Jackson got an opportunity to watch an ultrasound demonstration at Elba General Hospital. The "patient", by the way, was fellow student Shay Johnson who also participated with the program.



Sophomore Mary Katherine Head and senior Katie Grimes spent their day at The Elba Clipper during the job shadowing activity. The young ladies watched the Tiger Tales page was designed, pictures were taken of their students participating in the shadowing program, and as indicated above, checked out the latest edition of the paper to see if it met their approval.



Justin Allen and Christy Eubanks discovered the world of banking last Friday, Feb. 1, as they shadowed the employees of The Peoples Bank in Elba. Above, Doris Matthews explains certain banking procedures to the very curious students.



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SPORTS

Views from....

THE PRESSBOX

By Ricky Mularz, Sports Editor

I have always heard that one man's trash is another man's treasure. So, I guess it could also be true that one man's bologna could be another man's steak. Last week I made a trip up to North Alabama and saw a sign outside a nationwide fast food chain advertising bologna biscuits for \$2. Hey, I like bologna, too, but I would have to be mighty hungry or mighty rich to spend \$2 on a bologna biscuit. If a bologna biscuit is worth \$2, what would a whole sandwich be worth?

SORTING THROUGH THE SPORTS....

*** It is area tournament time all across the state this week and for the first time in years it looks like several area teams should make it out of the area and advance on to sub-region action. Here's a preview....

* The Elba Tigers will have to make the trip up to Lowndes County for their area tournament and draw a tough opening round opponent in Pike County. The two area rivals split their regular season meetings, with both teams winning on the road, and this will be a loser go home match. Last season the Tigers suffered a disappointing loss to Pike County to end the season. So, maybe this year the Tigers will repay the favor and let the Bulldogs hang up their sneakers, first.

* The Elba Lady Tigers will head up to Brundidge for their area tournament and will tangle with Calhoun in opening round play. The Lady Tigers have had another very successful campaign and have already defeated Calhoun twice. However, it is never easy to defeat a team three times in one season, especially one with the talent of Calhoun, and the Lady Tigers will have to be at their best to move on to the finals and get ready for sub-region action.

* The Kinston Bulldogs closed the season in some what of a slump and will have to regroup in a hurry if the Bulldogs hope to advance. The Bulldogs will open area tournament action against cross-county rival Zion Chapel, a team it split with during the regular season, and will have to play their best to post a win. This team looked like one to keep an eye on back in mid-season, but the Bulldogs are now just another team fighting to keep their season alive.

* The Kinston Lady Bulldogs closed out the season with a couple of losses to some very good teams, and will have to use the lessons learned to keep their good season in years alive. The Lady Bulldogs will open their tournament action at Arton, a team they have defeated three times. However, the Lady Purple Cats aren't really that bad a squad, and the Lady 'Dogs will have to play four solid quarters to advance on to the finals, and then on to sub-region action.

* The New Brockton Gamecocks closed out their regular season with a big win over Zion Chapel, but will have their work cut out for them when they begin area tournament play against defending state champ Barbour County. If the Gamecocks can keep it close early they might have a chance. However, it looks like the season will draw to a close this week for the Gamecocks.

* The New Brockton Lady Gamecocks rolled to 17 wins this season, the most ever for a New Brockton girls team, and made it clear that they were one of the top teams in South Alabama. The problem for the Lady Gamecocks is that they must now face Samson in the opening round of the area tournament. The Lady Gamecocks have yet to beat the Lady Tigers in two tries, and for some reason just doesn't seem to match up with the girls from down the road. If New Brockton can pull off the upset, it could make some noise.

* The Zion Chapel Rebels will open area play against their rivals from down the road in Kinston, and despite a less than spectacular season, the Rebels should be confident heading into the opening round clash. The Rebels split with the 'Dogs during the season, while Kinston didn't exactly close with a loss. The Rebels always play hard, and with a little luck, could just advance.

* The Zion Chapel Lady Rebels dressed out only five players in several late-season games and should just be glad the season is drawing to a close. The Lady Rebels have some good players and play hard every time they hit the court, but this season has gone from bad to worse lately, and with an opening round date with G.W. Long, it looks like the end might be near.

* The Brantley Bulldogs improved by leaps and bounds as their young players gained experience, and despite an opening round date with J.F. Shields, the Bulldogs could very well be a team to keep an eye on as the post-season party tips off. The Bulldogs know how to win, and expect to win, and that is a pretty good recipe for success.

* The Brantley Lady Bulldogs continued to build a winning program this season and have a shot at making it out of the area, in spite of having to battle Pleasant Home in the opening round of the tournament. The Lady 'Dogs have some very talented young ladies that just keep on getting better, and if they get a few breaks, look out.

*** In closing....The NCAA did more to hurt the Alabama football program than even Coach Dennis Franchione may be able to put back together. The sanctions imposed will take years to overcome, and it seemed like the NCAA officials were fanning at the mouth to stick it to the Tide. The statement about hitting Alabama with the death penalty was just a bluff to make the Bama officials thankful they still had a program, and I think it was nothing more than a means of trying to keep Alabama from appealing the penalties. As long as the NCAA takes years to investigate possible violations, the guilty will go free and the innocent will pay. That doesn't seem like a very good way to do business to me, and I hope some of the penalties are overturned and the NCAA can find a better way to punish those that break the rules, before some NCAA committee actually does shut down a program. One suggestion would be to place more people on committees that understand the "real" problems that college athletics face. At least then the committee would have an insight into things other than what is written on paper.

Improve record to 15-4

Tigers run past Rebels 74-35

The Elba Tigers continued their dominance over their county rivals last Tuesday night by rolling to an easy 74-35 win over the Zion Chapel Rebels, in Zion Chapel.

The win improved Elba's record to 15-4, while Zion Chapel saw its record slip to 4-18 with the loss.

The Tigers came out in a sticky full-court press on defense and took advantage of Rebel turnovers and the inside power of John Mitchell to jump out to a quick 9-2 lead. Zion Chapel pulled within 11-5 on a three-pointer by Jonh Edmondson; however, the Tigers quickly regained command and sparked by the inside scoring of Mitchell and a long range three-pointer by Kyle English added 15 and Abia Williams scored 9. Billy McClain led Zion Chapel with 13 points.

EL 27 16 13 18 - 74
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Elba (74): English 6, Gavin 7, Williams 9, Daniels 15, Wade 7, Andrews 3, Henderson 6, Mitchell 21.

Z.C. (35): Edmondson 3, Wambles 3, Sanders 2, Arnold 2, McClain 13, Brunson 7, Calhoun 4.

(B GAME)

The Elba Tiger B team spotted Zion Chapel a big early lead and then came roaring back to dump the Rebels 37-22. The Tigers did little right in the opening stanza and trailed 5-1 after one quarter of play, then watched as the Rebels continued their dominance in the second quarter as Zion Chapel went in at intermission with an 18-9 advantage. The Tigers came out ready to play in the third quarter and outscored the Rebels 18-1 to grab a 27-19 lead, and coasted in the final stanza to post the 74-35 win.

Matthew Curran scored 14 points and Clark Skinner added 10 to lead Elba, while Smith led the Rebels with 9 points.

Elba (37): Curran 14, C. Skinner 10, Allen 4, Lambert 1, Tyson 2, Kelley 6.

Z.C. (22): Smith 9, Taylor 5, White 3, Sanders 3.

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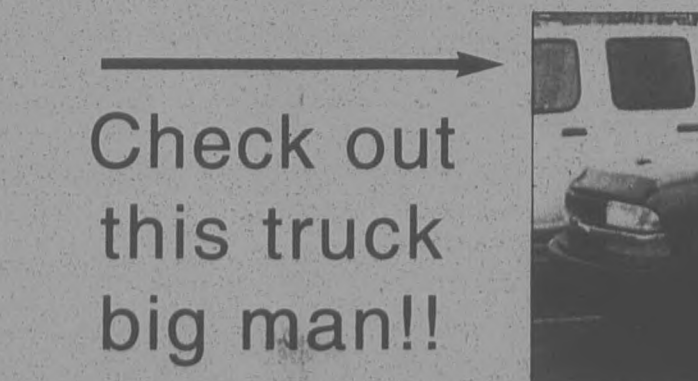
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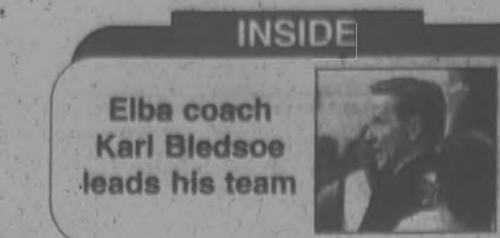
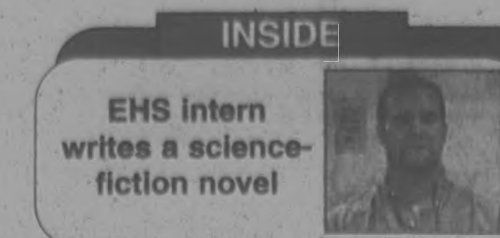
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TUESDAYS AFTERNOON WRECK SENDS TWO TO THE HOSPITAL... The driver and passenger of a vehicle that overturned on Coffee County Road 513 (a dirt road) just outside the Elba City Limits Tuesday afternoon, Feb. 12, were transported to the Elba General Hospital by Coffee County EMS. The one-vehicle accident occurred around 4 p.m., and officials said the driver, Gary Parker of Elba, indicated that he lost control of the 1992 Pontiac Grand Am after a dog ran in front of him. The vehicle left the roadway and hit a storage building as it flipped. Tony Parker, also of Elba, was the only other person in the vehicle. The extent of the injuries to the driver and passenger were not known at press time. Responding to the accident were units from the Elba Fire Department, Coffee County Sheriff's Department and Coffee County EMS. Also responding was Alabama State Trooper Willie White who investigated the incident.

Commission thanks Sen. Holley and Rep. Spicer

by Linda Hodge, Editor

The Coffee County Commission began its regular monthly meeting Monday morning, Feb. 11, with a special presentation honoring Senator Jimmy Holley and Representative Terry Spicer.

During the previous meeting of the commission, it was decided that the commission would publicly thank the senator and representative for all the work they have done for Coffee County over the past year.

Monday morning, Holley and Spicer were present to receive this thanks.

"We're working together as a team," Spicer said. "It is a pleasure to serve Coffee County in Montgomery, and we appreciate you taking time out of your schedule to thank us."

Holley too said it is a pleasure to partner with the county, and he commended the commission, highway department and county administrator for the work they do as well.

County Extension Coordinator Sandra Coffey addressed the commission and offered a challenge to the group of elected officials.

"I'm going to issue a challenge to not only our commission but also to Sen. Holley and Rep. Spicer," she said. "I am here today not only to ask you to endorse our health initiative but also to participate."

She said the health initiative is organized to help people lose weight while increasing their exercise habits, and the initiative will go hand-in-hand with the Walk Alabama campaign.

Beginning in March, Coffey said teams of eight people will be challenged to walk up to 850 miles. She said the initiative of the extension office is to get

people walking, moving, losing weight and feeling better.

"I believe our county constituency will not only look better and feel better, but they will be happier," she said. "We want to get as many people as possible in Coffee County involved."

Coffey said a kickoff challenge will be held March 11 at the Farm Center in New Brockton for the health initiative and Walk Alabama.

While speaking to the commissioners, Coffey also took the opportunity to introduce Christina Kirkland, the newest county extension agent. She said Kirkland will be working with nutrition education in the county, and her pay is federally funded with the county bearing no cost.

Next on the agenda to speak to the commission was county emergency management director John Tallas.

Tallas proposed the adoption of a resolution by the commission in regards to severe weather week.

The resolution read as follows: The Coffee County Commission joins Governor Don Siegelman in declaring February 18th through 22nd, 2002, as Severe Weather Awareness Week. We encourage all County residents to take this opportunity to increase their awareness of severe weather and its consequences. Moreover, we want our citizens to be prepared for the possibility of severe weather by having disaster plans and disaster kits prepared. As part of the Severe Weather Awareness Week, the County will participate in a statewide tornado drill on Wednesday, Feb. 20, 2002, weather permitting. The Commission encourages our citizens and particularly our school

systems to test their severe weather plan during the drill.

Our County Emergency Management Agency stands ready to assist you in all aspects

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During Coffee County BOE meeting

Status of Zion Chapel ball field project addressed

by Linda Hodge, Editor

Superintendent Dr. Linda Ingram updated board members on the construction of the Zion Chapel ball fields. Thursday evening, Feb. 7, during the regularly scheduled monthly meeting of the board.

"I would like to explain about the status for the construction of the ball fields at Zion Chapel," Ingram said. "This is a project that has been going on for seven

ALERT

The administration of the Elba General Hospital and Nursing Home has placed into effect a visitor restriction. There will be no routine visiting of residents until further notice. No children please! Due to the widespread cases of flu, pneumonia, and respiratory infections in the community, visitation is being restricted. All visitors must report to the nurse's station for further instruction. Cooperation in this matter would be appreciated.

She said this work, as well as a plan to correct the sewage/field lines must first be completed; however, the project showing some progress.

Ingram said Ricky Mularz, Elba Parks/Recreation Director, has helped with the issuance of specs for fencing, and she said specs for poles and lighting will also be sent out.

Also, she said the funds for the project are available to continue once the above mentioned troubles have been corrected.

She again thanked the county

al years."

She said the project began after the Coffee County Commission cleared the old pond site at the school system to allow an investigation into the possibility of building a ball field. Although the site had numerous springs and was very deep, she said the help of the county commission, especially Commissioner Linda

Westbrook, Senator Jimmy Holley and Representative Terry Spicer allowed for dirt to be added and drain tiles placed to help move water out of the area.

"As recently as this last month, the county has been back to the site because of poor drainage," said Ingram. "The ditches have been adjusted so that there will be the needed slope."

"I appreciate all of the help that the parents, community members, legislators, commissioners and other have given so that the children would have a facility," said Ingram.

Another update provided to the board by Ingram included that of news surrounding various grants approved for the school system.

She said the school system has received a \$100,000 grant that will be used for improvements including correcting the sewage problem at Zion Chapel and updating the wiring at

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Students take advantage of Coffee County's SAFE School

by Linda Hodge, Editor

The Coffee County School System embarked on a new adventure at the beginning of 2002, and thus far it has proven to be a success beyond anyone's imagination.

SAFE (Supporting Alternatives for Education) School opened its doors at the Coffee County Board of Education on Monday, Jan. 7, and Superintendent Dr. Linda Ingram said she was thrilled to have students taking advantage of the program.

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"We hope SAFE School will help with our dropout rate which is higher than we would like for it to be," said Ingram. "Let's keep our children in school because we want them to graduate."

As for the future, Ingram said as long as the school system continues to receive funding through grants, she hopes to keep SAFE School a permanent fixture in Coffee County.

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These students attend a Thursday night session of SAFE school. The subject being studied on this particular evening is English, and the students are working diligently to complete the required elements.

In this regard, she said the \$125,000 WIA (Workforce Investment Act) grant recently awarded to the school system can work hand-in-hand with the SAFE School grant.

"I'm so excited that students are taking advantage of this opportunity we are providing them," said Ingram. "With the overwhelming response we have received so far, it looks

as if we may outgrow our facilities here one day."

Therefore, she said the school system would love to find someone willing to donate the use of their vacant building for the SAFE Center, and the system would pay the utilities.

"Then it would only become a SAFE Center for the whole community and not just ours," she said.



EHS CELEBRATES BLACK HISTORY. The administration, faculty and students of the Elba School System are currently celebrating Black History Month. A highlight of this celebration will come Tuesday, Jan. 19, at 9:45 a.m., when Gregory Calhoun of Calhoun Foods Inc. of Montgomery speaks to the school system during a program set to exemplify the theme of the month long celebration, "Black History Month - Celebrating a Rich Heritage." Also, the EHS Chorus will perform during the ceremony. Above, several members of the faculty at EHS promote the upcoming program. Those pictured include (from left): Ellis Daniels, Cal Donita Howard, Mike Williams, Pam Baker, Danny Weeks, Ingrid Clark, Lynn Weeks and Pastine Robinson.